

GRAND JURY TO PROBE DOCTORS

Fail to Report Births; Women's Working Hours Also to Be Investigated.

Failure of doctors, nurses and parents to report births and violations of the law with reference to the number of hours women shall work were brought to the attention of the grand jury by special judge W. D. Howe in the 14th district court Wednesday morning.

The laxity in reporting births was brought to the attention of Judge Howe some time ago by a letter from the state health department. The letter was turned over to the grand jury at that time, but no report was made upon it. Prior to his departure for California, Judge Jackson requested special judge Howe to bring the matter before the present grand jury.

Not Necessary to Indict. Judge Howe suggested to the grand jury that while he did not deem it necessary to indict anyone at this time for violation of the law requiring the reporting of births, still he would appreciate it if a report would be made, so that it might be published and brought to the attention of those required to make report of births.

While the jury was before him, Judge Howe also called attention to alleged violations of the law limiting the number of hours a woman shall work. He stated that, while the larger mercantile establishments in El Paso are not violating the law, some of the smaller ones are said to be doing so by keeping their help after closing hours, and he suggested that an investigation be instituted.

The law limits the number of hours a woman should work to 54 hours per week. They shall not work more than 24 consecutive hours without 12 hours of rest.

LAWSON SAID TO HAVE RESIGNED

Project Engineer of Reclamation Service May Quit; Result of Water Fight.

E. M. Lawson, project engineer of the Elephant Butte project, is reported to have tendered his resignation to the reclamation service and it will become effective soon.

Mr. Lawson, who was formerly a United States army engineer, has been connected with the reclamation service for several years and has been in charge of the project work below the dam since the work on the canal and headgates were started.

Mr. Lawson was at Elephant Butte Wednesday and could not be reached by long distance telephone. The officials of the reclamation service here say they have heard nothing of Mr. Lawson's resignation and Felix Martinez, chairman of the board of directors of the Water Users' association, said Wednesday he had heard nothing of the report.

It is understood that Mr. Lawson's resignation is an outcome of the Las Cruces water users' dispute regarding the water service contract.

SAM SCOTT IS CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

Sam Scott, charged with the murder of Juan Velasquez on April 14, was not guilty by a jury in the 14th district court Wednesday morning. Special judge W. D. Howe, in charging the jury, instructed them to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

The testimony showed that Scott, who is a Santa Fe watchman and who was on duty at the time of the killing, in firing to frighten some Mexicans stealing coal, shot to the right, whereas Velasquez, when found dead, was to the left of the watchman.

BAND CONCERTS AT ARMY CAMPS

Sixth Infantry to Play "Indiana State Band" March; 16th's Band to Play.

A musician's dream of a state band of several hundred pieces in Indiana was incorporated into a swinging march by composer Farrer, which he called "The Indiana State Band." The state band failed to materialize at the time but the march has become famous since. Recently the bands of that state have carried out his plan and are having state tournaments in different cities which are participated in musicians from all parts of the state.

The sixth infantry band will play "The Indiana State Band" this evening at Camp Cotton under the direction of bandmaster Max Muller. To reach the infantry camp take a second ward street car and get off where the car turns at Park street and go a half block to the camp. By auto there are two routes. One is go down St. Vrain to St. Vrain and down St. Vrain to Seventh street. Another is to drive down South Street to Seventh street and out Seventh to the camp. The concerts start at 7 o'clock. The program is as follows:

March, "Indiana State Band," Farrer.
Overture, "Zampa," Harold.
(a) serenade, "Amina," Liske.
(b) Rag, "On the Hill," Medley.
"Remick's Hits," Lamp.
Intermission. The Wedding of the Ring.
Finale, "The Georgia Rag," Gumbie.

16th Band to Play. The 16th infantry will give another concert at 8 o'clock, Thursday afternoon at the camp. The program is as follows: Roundhouse. To reach this camp take a Park car and get off at Dorchester street and go down Dorchester to the car, or by auto out Overland street to Brown street and on Brown to the camp.

The program prepared by bandmaster Ernest G. Fischer is as follows: March, "Staunch and True," Telke.
Overture, "The Blue Bird," Suppe.
Waltz, "Espana," Waldteufel.
Selection, "A Gaiety Girl," Tobani.
Characteristic march, "Noble Bill," Loevy.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS

"THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME." The Bijou has secured for its patrons the feature picture of the week in El Paso movies, David Belasco's greatest play, "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

David Belasco, the greatest of all playwrights, had just witnessed, at a private view, in the Little Green theater, at the main offices of the William Fox Productions Extraordinary, a "run" of the screen version of his greatest success the glowing military drama, "The Girl I Left Behind Me," a play of army life and Indian warfare, a blood-stirring as a trumpet call. He drew a long breath and settled back in his seat as the last stirring scenes in the relief of the beleaguered garrison were flashed.

"Wonderful," he exclaimed, "and not the least extraordinary of it all is that when I wrote 'The Girl I Left Behind Me,' which has always been and still is my favorite bit of work, the cinema had never been thought of. It would have been a wild dream indeed if I had ever thought for an instant that some day my play would be presented on the boards of a theater with artificial lights and painted scenery, but on the actual ground where the action takes place, a living background and every device possible to bring out its life and color."

The wizard of the theater, who has accomplished more than any single man in the world in the art of bringing realism to the stage, was genuinely amazed at the wonderful settings and scenes in "The Girl I Left Behind Me," as produced by William Fox. Naturally the acting being in the hands of such artists as Robert Edson, in the leading part, Walter Litchcock, Claire Whitney, Stuart Holmes and a host of players just as well known, supported by a company numbering more than three hundred people, is impressive. But Mr. Belasco appeared more struck by the photoplay and wonderful scenic effects than in the actual details.

Army men endorse "The Girl I Left Behind Me" as a timely tonic for heart-tiring patriotism.

The management requests everyone to attend the matinee if possible. Admission is adults 25 cents, children 15 cents.—Advertisement.

FRANCIS BUSHMAN IN GRAUSTARK

"Undoubtedly the finest, most interesting picture production exhibited in El Paso in many a long day," was the verdict of everyone who visited the Alhambra to see Francis X. Bushman in "Graustark" last night. There is nothing slow or "cracky" about this picture, but from the moment the first scene is on the screen the story moves forward with a snap and go that makes you forget the passing of time.

"Graustark," written by George Barr McCutcheon, contains a human interest for everyone and tells in a thrilling and exciting manner a charming romance, wherein the popular screen artist, Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, take full advantage of this vehicle for their very fascinating and capable acting.

This big production takes one hour and a half in the showing and, as large crowds are expected today and tomorrow, you are advised to come early. The shows start at 11 a. m., 12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 8:00, 9:30.

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RAILROADS MAKES STRENGTH PROTEST

Leading Business Men Tell Commission Proposed Rates Are Unfair.

Austin, Texas, June 2.—The entire morning session of the railroad commission today, on the hearing of the proposed increase in freight rates, was consumed by the Amariillo delegation in its protest against the abolishment of common point territory and also the proposed horizontal increase.

The delegation claimed that if the proposed rates are put into effect, it will wipe Amariillo off of the commercial map.

M. C. Nobles, representative of the wholesale grocers; E. R. Almer, of the jobbing interests; and J. M. Walsh, representing the wholesale hardware men of Amariillo, were on the stand during the morning session.

Palmer brought out the fact that the rate from Wichita, Kan., to Artesia, Texas, a distance of 410 miles, is the same as from Amariillo to Artesia, a distance of only 254 miles.

To increase the present Texas rates would place Amariillo at a great disadvantage, it was claimed, to Wichita. It was disclosed by the railroads that the rate from St. Louis to Amariillo, a distance of 500 miles, is \$1.35 on first-class commodities and from Galveston to Amariillo, a distance of 440 miles, under the proposed tariff, the rate is fixed at \$1.35.

Palmer was asked if the proposed increase is not just. He answered that he did not believe the long distance haul should be made to bear the burden of the entire increase.

Consideration of class rates still was on when recess was taken.

FIRST "STARS AND BARS" DESIGNED BY CAROLINIAN

Richmond, Va., June 2.—The credit for having designed the first flag of the Confederate states—the "Stars and Bars"—is awarded to the late Maj. Gen. Randolph Smith, of Louisville, N. C., by the United Confederate Veterans' committee, appointed to investigate the matter. The report of the committee was submitted to the reunion here today by Gen. C. Irving Walker, of Summerville, S. C., chairman. Other members of the committee who signed the report are Maj. Gen. Thomas Green, Pine Bluff, Ark., and Maj. Gen. John P. Hickman, of Nashville, Tenn.

The subject has been one of controversy for many years and the investigation and conclusions of the committee, which was assisted in gathering evidence by committees of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Confederate Southern Memorial association, are considered of much historic interest. The veterans read a motion picture of an exhaustive examination of the whole matter was made.

Two claimants for the honor of having designed the "Stars and Bars," the veterans committee states and evidence in support of their claims was presented by and on behalf of each. The claimants were Maj. Gen. Randolph Smith (now deceased), of Louisville, N. C., whose claim was presented by his daughter, Miss Jessica H. Smith, and Nicola Marshall, an artist, of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Marshall's claim was filed by his wife supplemented by Mrs. Chappell Cory, of Birmingham, Ala.

JAPANESE BEATEN BY THIEVES; DIES SUDDENLY AT STORE

S. H. Mori, a native of Japan, who conducted a small grocery and butcher shop at 712 Park street and who was badly beaten when his store was robbed on April 5, was found dead in his bed at the rear of his store on Tuesday.

At the time of the assault in his store, Mori put up a hard fight, but was beaten insensate with a piece of lead pipe. It was thought that injuries sustained then might have been responsible for his sudden death, but coroner J. M. Deaver stated on Wednesday morning that death was due to tuberculosis.

He was about 40 years of age and, as far as known, had no relatives in this country. The body is at Nagley & Kaster's parlors.

ENGAGED ROOM ON SUNDAY; FOUND DEAD ON TUESDAY

John Graves engaged a room at a South El Paso street rooming house on Sunday and on Tuesday morning he was found dead in his bed. He was about 40 years of age and no papers were found on the body which might give any clue as to relatives or where he came from. He had talked of being treated by a doctor on Monday.

BACKUS AND WILLIS GIVEN PENITENTIARY SENTENCES

E. C. Backus, charged with having in his possession a stolen automobile, was found guilty by a jury in the 14th district court and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Backus is alleged to have had a check for \$300 to which he signed the name of J. W. Subank, county surveyor. His defense was that a man named Juarez gave him the check.

On a charge of burglary, C. E. Willis was given two years in the penitentiary by a jury in the 14th district court Tuesday afternoon. He was charged with having entered a rooming house at the corner of Second and Stanton streets. He claims to be from Riverside, Cal. His father and mother live in Riverside.

MEXICAN CHARGED WITH STABBING A SOLDIER

Complaint has been filed in Justice J. M. Deaver's court against Ramon Bernal, charging him with murder in connection with the killing of James Woolley, a private in the machine gun platoon of the sixth infantry, near Camp Cotton, Saturday night.

Woolley was found dead with a knife wound in his heart, a short time after he had been in a fight with some Mexicans on the bridge crossing the canal at Eighth and Park streets.

HIGHLAND PARK ORCHESTRA GIVES FREE CONCERT

The second concert of the Highland Park orchestra, since its organization five months ago, was held Tuesday evening in the Highland Park Baptist church. There being a large attendance of music lovers who thoroughly enjoyed the program.

All the numbers were liberally endorsed and the numbers of Miss Nettie Rowland and Miss Virginia Burk were particularly pleasing.

It is unlikely that further concerts will be held until early in the fall as many members of the orchestra will be away for their summer vacations.

R. B. BLISS BUYS HOME

R. B. Bliss has bought, of John Wine-land, the five room brick cottage at 1111 St. Vrain street for \$3000.

Mrs. Clara Lorziana has bought of H. D. Carr the three room brick cottage on Copper street, in Highland Park, for \$900, cash. Hawkins Bros. made both sales.

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AVAST AND BELAY.

THE Potomac was hushed save for a lone fisherman angling for putty-fish, and secretary of the navy David, musing on the banks. Suddenly a long-haired, short-waisted man with a foreign, intellectual expression approached and exclaimed, "Ah-hah! Ah-hah! At last I obtain an interview with you and can show you my plans for making the United States navy the mistress of the seas, not to mention the oceans!"

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"My friend, you have shown me the way," cried the secretary, with tears of gratitude in his eyes.

"Hah-hah! You bit fine! You are in my trap!" And the stranger blew three sharp blasts on a whistle and a fleet of American men-of-war, which had been creeping unobserved up the river while the secretary was poring over the diagrams, discharged a billion quarts of forbidden rum at the shore. Just as the secretary was going down for the 11th time and choking with the rum, he awoke trembling in his own bed.

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